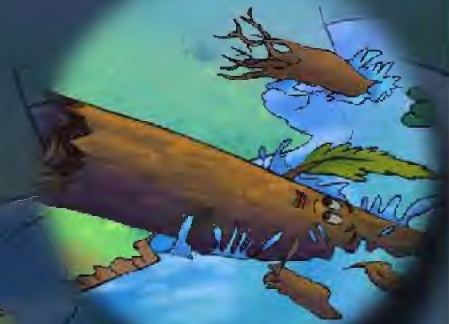


# BAMBOO SHOOTS AND DEODAR TREE





On the bank of the river there were many small and huge trees



There was one very tall deodar tree and there were small bamboo shoots next to it





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Because of his huge size, the deodar tree always behaved very proudly. It was not his nature to bow down. However the bamboo shoots always behaved in a humble and respectful manner



One day there was a terrible storm. The strong blowing wind could uproot the huge trees which collapsed and fell in the river





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Poor bamboo shoots began to tremble. Whichever side the wind flew they bent in that direction so that wind could blow around them and leave them with great force

Deodar tree was standing erect with arrogance. He felt, to bend was against his honour. Seeing the small trees falling down, he felt very happy within



At that moment came a tremendous force of wind. Deodar tree did not bend a bit so the wind broke the trunk of deodar tree and it collapsed in the river





However, the deodar tree saw that the bamboo shoots, were bending down in the direction of wind and thus were still standing very safely



**MORAL :**

Pride goes before destruction